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Dear Sirs:

We would like to submit our response to the Office Action dated 01/19/2007 regarding application no 10/788,923, filed 02/27/2004 and titled "Parallel kinematics mechanism with a concentric spherical joint". We have attached

- ¶ Response to office action (1 page)
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Sincerely,



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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application no: 10/788,923 Art unit: 3682  
Filed on: 02/27/2004 Examiner: T. Boes  
Title: Parallel kinematics mechanism  
with a concentric spherical joint  
Applicants: Roy et al.

Berlin (Germany), 02/09/07

## RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION

Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated 01/19/2007, applicants hereby elect the species of FIG. 1 and state that claims 1 - 24 are readable thereon. Applicants respectfully note that the sub-species 1A (FIG. 5) and 1B (FIG. 17) defined by the Examiner are *alternative* designs of the joint assembly as seen in the embodiment of FIG. 2, which is a detailed view of FIG. 1 (see p. 13, l. 17 and p. 15, l. 3 in the specification). Applicants intend to proceed with the election of FIG. 1 only, which comprises a joint assembly as shown in FIG. 2 in greater detail. Applicants therefore do not wish to elect a sub-species from the list as defined by the Examiner.

Applicants respectfully traverse the election requirement on the basis that several claims are generic among the species defined by the Examiner. For example, claim 1 is generic to the species of FIGS. 1 - 15 and 17. Claim 25 is generic to the species of FIGS. 16, 18 and 19.

Respectfully submitted,



*Application no 10/788,923*

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